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Terry Goddard Presents \$84,803 to Benefit Cancer Victims

(Phoenix, Ariz. – Oct. 13, 2005) Attorney General Terry Goddard today presented checks totaling \$84,803.39 to seven Arizona non-profit organizations that work with cancer patients and their families. The funds are from a multi-state settlement with Bristol-Myers Squibb for unlawfully maintaining a monopoly on Taxol®, an anticancer prescription drug, which resulted in Arizona consumers paying higher costs for this lifesaving medication.

In June 2004, the settlement returned more than \$625,000 to Arizona. This total included returning \$103,272 to 166 Arizona consumers who submitted claims for purchases of Taxol®, \$138,677 to the Department of Health Services for breast cancer screenings, and more than \$294,000 to the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS).

The funds presented today were considered residual funds, and the court-approved settlement directed Attorneys General to distribute any these funds to non-profit organizations that benefit cancer patients or their families.

Taxol®, or its generic equivalent paclitaxel, is an intravenous chemotherapy drug used to treat breast cancer and ovarian cancer. The settlement was the result of a multi-state antitrust case involving Arizona and the other 49 states, the District of Columbia and U.S. territories on behalf of a class of individual consumers who paid for Taxol®. The lawsuit asserted that, because of invalid patents claimed by Bristol-Myers Squibb Company, lower cost generic substitutes were delayed in arriving on the market, leading to higher prices for those who paid for the drug. The U.S. District Court of the District of Columbia approved the settlement in November 2003.

"Overcharging for an anticancer drug like Taxol is shameful," Goddard said. "This settlement proves that we must remain vigilant with the prescription drug companies to ensure consumers are getting the medicine they need at reasonable costs." Goddard said.

The following non-profit organizations will be receiving funds from this settlement:

- **Arizona Cancer Center in Tucson** received \$20,000. The Arizona Cancer Center located in Tucson at the University Medical Center, has been named a comprehensive cancer center by the National Cancer Institute. The Arizona Attorney General's Office has designated \$20,000 to the Center's patient support services programs. Funded programs would include several support groups for cancer patients and their families, interpreters, and social workers who provide counseling for patients and their families, as well as information regarding available resources such as support groups, transportation and housing.

- **Cancer Center of Northern Arizona** in Flagstaff received \$15,000. The Cancer Center of Northern Arizona (“CCNA”) draws patients from all over Northern Arizona and is located at the Flagstaff Medical Center. CCNA provides patient and family counseling, support groups, nutrition counseling, free transportation for patients within a 60-mile radius of Flagstaff, housing assistance for those patients traveling to Flagstaff for their radiation treatments. CCNA also has a breast cancer support program, which provides individualized assistance and support for women diagnosed with breast cancer.
- **Arizona Institute for Breast Health (AIBH)** in Scottsdale received \$12,500. The Arizona Institute for Breast Health (AIBH) provides women diagnosed with breast cancer with a free second opinion regarding their treatment options. AIBH has a volunteer team of doctors and counselors who evaluates each patient and recommends a course of treatment. AIBH also has a patient advocate who is a breast cancer survivor. She meets with each patient, walks them through the evaluation process and provides support throughout their treatment process.
- **The Wellness Community of Central Arizona** received \$10,000. This Phoenix-based organization provides a full-range of support programs for people with cancer and their loved ones. The programs are offered in a comfortable, home-like setting, free of charge. Support programs include patient support groups, family/loved ones support groups, educational programs, exercise and stress management activities and social gatherings.
- **The Branden Lombardi Foundation** received \$7,500. This Phoenix foundation was founded by Branden Lombardi, a young cancer survivor. The Foundation purchases patient amenities, such as television sets with satellite hookups, pillows, blankets, movies, games, CDs, books and books on tape to help cancer patients undergoing treatment pass their time more enjoyably.
- **Camp Rainbow** received \$9,901. Camp Rainbow is a one-week camp for children between the ages of 7 and 18 who have or had cancer. The camp, funded by donations to the Children’s Cancer Center at Phoenix Children’s Hospital, is held at the Friendly Pines Campground in Prescott. Camp Rainbow offers children the opportunity to participate in typical camp activities such as swimming, hiking, fishing, horseback riding and canoeing. The purpose of the camp is to give kids who have suffered or are suffering from cancer a real camp experience.
- **Arizona Camp Sunrise & Sidekicks** received \$9,901. Arizona Camp Sunrise & Sidekicks is affiliated with the American Cancer Society and provides camp programs for child cancer victims and their siblings. Arizona Camp Sunrise is a week-long camp for children ages 8-16 who have or had cancer. The camp is located outside of Payson. The camp gives children who are or have suffered from cancer a real summer camp experience. Camp Sunrise Sidekicks offers 8-16 year old siblings of cancer victims a chance to relax and have a fun experience—without focusing on their siblings’ illnesses. Younger children can participate in the Camp Sunrise Day Camps located in Phoenix and Tucson. The camps run for three weeks.

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